



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Phosphate Fertilizer (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NSPS for Phosphate Fertilizer Industry (EPA ICR Number 1061.14, OMB Control Number 2060-0037), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through April 30, 2019. Public comments were previously requested, via the *Federal Register*, on May 30, 2018 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An agency may neither conduct nor sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OECA-2012-0533, to: (1) EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), or by email to docket.oeca@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; and (2) OMB via email to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without

change, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Yellin, Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2227A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-2970; fax number: (202) 564-0050; email address: yellin.patrick@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at www.regulations.gov, or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), for Phosphate Fertilizer Industry (40 CFR Part 60, Subparts T, U, V, W, and X) were proposed on October 22, 1974, promulgated on August 6, 1975, and amended on August 19, 2015. These regulations apply to both existing facilities and new facilities that engage in the manufacture of phosphate fertilizers (wet-process phosphoric acid plants, super-phosphoric acid plants, diammonium phosphate plants, and triple superphosphate plants), and have a design capacity of more than 15 tons of equivalent phosphorous pentoxide (P_2O_5) feed per calendar day. These standards also apply to new and existing facilities that store granular triple superphosphate. These same standards establish fluoride emission limitations as a measure of phosphorus-bearing feed material at affected facilities. The affected facilities may include a combination of reactors, filters, evaporators, hot wells, acid sumps, cooling tanks, granulators, dryers, coolers, screens, mills, mixers, curing belts

(dens), coolers, and facilities which store run-of-pile triple superphosphate, depending on the type of plant. New facilities include those that commenced construction, modification or reconstruction after the date of proposal. This information is being collected to assure compliance with 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart T, U, V, W, and X.

In general, all NSPS standards require initial notifications, performance tests, and periodic reports by the owners/operators of the affected facilities. They are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance, and are required of all affected facilities subject to NSPS.

Form Numbers: None.

Respondents/affected entities: New and existing facilities that engage in the manufacture of phosphate fertilizers and have a design capacity of more than 15 tons of equivalent phosphorous pentoxide (P_2O_5) feed per calendar day.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory (40 CFR Part 63, Subparts T, U, V, W, and X).

Estimated number of respondents: 13 (total).

Frequency of response: Initially, occasionally and semiannually.

Total estimated burden: 1,390 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

Total estimated cost: \$478,000 (per year), which includes \$320,000 in annualized capital/startup and/or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is no change in the labor hours or cost in this ICR compared to the previous ICR. This is due to two considerations: 1) the regulations have not changed over the past three years and are not anticipated to change over the next three years; and 2) the growth rate for the industry is very low, negative or non-existent, so there is no significant change in the

overall burden.

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